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- (1) Izumi et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,633,319, issued December 30, 1986;
- (2) Baba et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,804,831, issued February 14, 1989;
- (3) Fujiwara et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,994,920, issued February 19, 1991;
- (4) Yamada et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,212,516, issued May 18, 1993; and
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 05-219418, (MINOLTA CAMERA CO., LTD.), published August 27, 1993.

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